

**MINUTES**  
**DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MAY 13, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**DR. SARAH ROSENBERG-SCOTT, CHAIRPERSON**

**LEANNE JASSET, VICE CHAIRPERSON**

**JASON BROGAN, MEMBER**

**CATHY CARDINALE, HEALTH DIRECTOR**

**JOAN CONWAY, ADM. ASSISTANT**

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Dr. Scott called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. The first order of business is to reorganize the Board. Leanne motioned to nominate Dr. Sarah Rosenberg-Scott as our Chairperson Jason seconded the motion Dr. Rosenberg-Scott asked all in favor aye. None opposed. Jason Brogan made a motion for Leanne Jasset to be the Vice Chair Dr. Scott seconded and asked all in favor aye none opposed. We do not need to vote for the position of member which is Jason Brogan. No one is in attendance for the open comment period.

Cathy began by saying two people were called in tonight for a hearing and one person has corrected the issue so will not be coming. We have had an ongoing issue with Mr. James Wood owner of 40 Walnut Street since January which was the first inspection. A follow-up inspection was done on the 13<sup>th</sup> the violations were not corrected. I have been in touch with the Housing Authority because they are also overseeing the property. February 23<sup>rd</sup> I sent another notice to the property owner again asking him to contact me to let me know when the corrections would be made; I didn't hear from him. April 21<sup>st</sup> I asked the tenant to contact me and went out to see what violations had been corrected however the bigger issues have not been addressed. There is a mouse infestation and the front hallway has a section of missing wall and ceiling. The owner has said this was due to water leak he did not want to close the wall and ceiling because he wanted to make sure the leak was corrected. I instructed him to at least put up some wall board to cover the openings as of April 24<sup>th</sup> it is still not done I have not heard from him. I sent a certified letter to appear before the Board he did sign for the letter. Cathy said it is a two unit house two buildings all units are rented and the owner does not live there. Cathy said she was contacted by the tenant on the second floor unit. Jason asked if the Housing Authority is involved because it is a voucher payment Cathy said yes and that the Housing Authority has stopped payment of rent until the corrections are made. The next step is to file in District Court against the owner because he has not appeared before the Board and has not contacted me.

Our public health nurse has resigned as of Friday, May 8, 2015. The position has been posted and Human Resource has received numerous applicants. The position will become full time as of July 1, 2015. Currently it is being advertised as four (4) days. Leanne said I know she did work with the drug coalition. We had an informational meeting the other night with Learn to cope; we had the executive director and the assistant; it was like a mock meeting and learn to Cope has committed to have meetings in Dedham which is huge; there are only 16 learn to cope groups throughout the state. They are wanted in lots of communities so this is great for us. It won't happen immediately. One of the participants a nurse practitioner, who is very involved in the coalition, has volunteered to step in and work with the board until we have someone in place. Dr. Scott asked if we have any exit feed-back from the nurses as to what the challenges were with the position. Cathy explained that the biggest

challenge to the nursing position has been the salary however the pay scale has moved up a little and in the near future will be increasing. Some of the nurses felt they could manage with the salary and six months down the road they realized it was difficult. Jason asked what this process is for an increase in salary. Cathy explained that we have been trying for 4 or 5 years to get the nursing position to be full time and we have also been asking for another full time food inspector. This July 1, 2015 the full time nurse position is finally approved. Last year we got a 4<sup>th</sup> day for the nurse because of the drug coalition the selectmen transferred money from the drug coalition into the health departments budget so we could have a 4<sup>th</sup> day for the nurse and that day she works on the drug coalition. The town funded that money. It is unfortunate that we had to fund it this way because we need a full time nurse for a town this size. It has been a battle for years. So the fact that we got the full-time position is huge next is the pay scale. Jason asked if there would be more grant money from the state to which Leanne answered no there is nothing available right now.

Four towns applied for a grant and Needham will be the home-based town of that grant. The money is to be used for a school based drug, alcohol and tobacco education program. We had hoped to hear about the grant by April and have still not heard. It would be \$100,000.00 to be divided by 4 communities, 75% of that would be used for salaries.

Norfolk County Mosquito Control will begin spraying late evening on or about May 26<sup>th</sup> through September 30, 2015. The spraying will be between sunset and midnight. The Dedham Times will publish the notice and the information is on our face book as well as the town web site.

The inspections are going well. Lee did 33 inspections last month. Pool and camp applications are on their way. Town meeting is Monday night the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There was a supplement added by a committee on concussions and we will be involved. They would like information to come through our office to approve and keep statistical records of injury. I would like one of you to attend the town meeting with me. Leanne and Jason said they would attend. I spoke to Bob Stanley from Parks and Recreation. He said there is a video that anyone who rents the fields must watch about concussions. He asked me to get the bike lab on a video that he could put on the web site. This is a grey area because you have volunteers coaching town sports it is unlike the school's athletic director who are trained in identifying concussions. Dr. Scott said we need more information about this committee who is on it and what are their goals. I think this is great for our department to be involved and great for our public health nurse to be involved. We will contact Jim MacDonald about getting more information.

Torey, the applicant for the permanent body art license, has submitted some document that I did not approve they were not from an accredited school. I have spoken with her and told her the application has been denied.

#### 106 Washington Street – Dedham Auto Service

We had visitors from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) last Friday. The business has a failed cesspool. DEP will be issuing some enforcement's. The business is in the process of connecting to town sewer. He has contacted an engineer and spoken to our Department of Public works engineering department. I have not received any reports yet from DEP but they will be forthcoming.

Dr. Scott asked Cathy to continue with the practice of a formal written report as we did with the last chairperson; we found that helpful. Documenting how many inspections, the nurses reports etc. Cathy said she would continue the practice.

We will have 12 camps again this summer. We have 4 restaurants that are outstanding since February they still have not opened. They are Egg and Thai, Papa Johns, Brothers Roast Beef and a Mexican restaurant in the square. We had 7 dog bites last month. They were quarantined.

With no further business to discuss Leanne motioned to adjourn the meeting Jason seconded the motion Dr. Scott asked all in favor aye the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Dr. Sarah Rosenberg-Scott  
Chairperson